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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 03/18/2016

Report Number: 16-113389

Type of Incident: Accidental death

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Roger Zoppa

Emergency Units responded to a report of a man pinned under a fallen tree. Kent County Sheriff Deputies, Alto Fire/Rescue, MSP Motor Carrier Trooper, and Lowell Ambulance arrived at the scene to find Frank Bouwens pinned under the trunk of a very large tree in his yard. He was found to be deceased on their arrival. The Fire Department had to use emergency airbags to lift the tree up high enough to pull him out.

Mr. Bouwens is the home owner. He cut the tree down yesterday. Today he was working at cutting it up with his chainsaw. A friend of his that was helping him today was busy stacking some wood at the time. He went to check on Mr. Bouwens and found him pinned under the trunk of the tree and unresponsive. It appeared that the trunk of the tree rolled over on him as he was cutting a portion of it.

Family has been notified.